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* George H. Rohe, M.D.....	1899	Louis I. Dublin, Ph.D.....	1932
* Henry Mitchell, M.D.....	1899	John A. Ferrell, M.D.....	1933
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* Carlos J. Finlay, M.D.....	1904	* Arthur T. McCormack, M.D.....	1938
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* Domingo Orvananos, M.D.....	1907	* W. S. Leathers, M.D.....	1941
* Richard H. Lewis, M.D.....	1908	John L. Rice, M.D.....	1942
* Gardner T. Swarts, M.D.....	1909	Allen W. Freeman, M.D.....	1943
* Charles O. Probst, M.D.....	1910	Felix J. Underwood, M.D.....	1944
* R. M. Simpson, M.D.....	1911	John J. Sippy, M.D.....	1945
* J. N. Hurty, M.D.....	1912	John J. Sippy, M.D.....	1946
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## THE VICTORY OVER MATERNAL MORTALITY

ONE of the most striking achievements in the whole realm of vital statistics is the reduction in the maternal mortality of the United States during the past decade. Between 1915 and 1933, this rate fluctuated between 6 and 8 maternal deaths per 1,000 live births (except for an increase to about 9 in 1918). Since 1933, there has been a steady and continuous decline to a trifle over 2 such deaths per 1,000 live births in 1944 and 1945.

This is a really extraordinary phenomenon. It is difficult to think of any really comparable instance, in which the mortality rate from any particular disease or group of diseases in the United States has been cut by two-thirds in one decade.

Furthermore, it seems difficult to explain that decline on the basis of any fundamental change in general public health policies or techniques. The Children's Bureau and the state and local health departments and the nursing associations and other voluntary agencies have played their part in the happy result; but these agencies have progressed steadily and did not introduce any sudden change of program ten years ago. For so sharp a break in trend, we must look for some new factor.

What did happen in the thirties was the conduct of a series of studies by the

New York Academy of Medicine<sup>1</sup> and by other state and local medical societies of the causes of maternal mortality in routine family and institutional practice; and these studies led to clear and courageous conclusions in regard to the considerable volume of maternal deaths due to faulty obstetrical practice and, particularly, to unnecessary recourse to instrumental delivery. These reports brought about amazingly prompt reform in such practice; and it seems probable that this factor—the one new factor which entered the picture ten years ago—must be given major credit for the results of the past decade. If such be the case, we have here a striking example of an outstanding public health success accomplished largely by the medical profession itself through the leadership of its own professional organizations.

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# Clearing House on Public Health Salary Information

EXECUTIVE SALARIES

13 LARGE CITIES

Earl Smith, M.D., Medical Director of the Communicable Disease Control Section of the St. Louis City Division of Health, furnishes the following material based on a questionnaire study of city health department salaries at the executive level in 13 of the largest cities

in the United States. By way of caution he says, "It should be emphasized that comparison of an individual city with the average will only indicate whether it is out of line with usual practices and suggest the need for further analysis of operations." It should further be noted that this is a tabulation of maximum salaries.

MAXIMUM SALARIES AT EXECUTIVE LEVEL, THIRTEEN LARGE CITY HEALTH DEPARTMENTS  
AUGUST 1, 1947

City	Directors of										
	Com- mis- sioner	Deputy Com- mis- sioner	Tuber- culosis Control	Venereal Disease Control	Com- muni- cable Disease Control	Child Hygiene	Sanitary Engi- neering	Public Health Labo- ratory	Public Health Nursing	Public Health Educa- tion	Vital Statist- ics
Detroit	\$18,500	\$12,000	\$9,250	\$9,250	\$8,650	\$9,250	\$7,441	\$9,250	\$6,269	\$4,761	\$4,285
San Francisco	13,500	7,920	7,200	7,200	7,920	7,920	5,760	4,620	5,520	5,340	3,480
Los Angeles	12,480	8,124	6,540	6,540	6,540	6,540	7,296	6,540	5,280	5,280	3,636
New York	11,000	8,350	7,850	7,850	7,850	7,850	6,350	9,850	7,150	7,850	7,150
Chicago	10,698	9,096	....	6,000	6,954	5,352	....	5,562	3,534	....	4,920
Washington	10,000	9,376	8,059	8,060	6,862	8,060	8,060	6,862	8,060	5,905	4,526
Philadelphia	10,000	4,650	4,800	4,800	5,600	5,600	5,600	5,600	....	....	3,800
Milwaukee	9,600	6,600	5,520	4,920	5,520	5,520	4,200	5,520	3,600	3,600	3,600
Kansas City	8,560	....	4,320*	4,980*	4,980	4,980	5,460	7,740	3,360	2,700	2,700
Buffalo	8,500	7,000	6,000	2,800*	7,000	7,000	5,500	7,000	5,500	3,150	4,000
Pittsburgh	8,000	....	6,500	6,000	5,998	5,467	....	4,115	3,202	....	2,948
Cleveland	7,680	....	6,000	4,680	6,180	6,180	6,180	4,680	4,680	4,680	6,180
St. Louis	7,680	....	5,100	5,100	5,100	5,100	5,100	5,880	4,140	....	3,060
Range of Maximum	18,500	12,000	9,250	9,250	8,650	9,250	8,060	9,850	8,060	7,850	7,150
	-7,680	-4,650	-4,800	-4,680	-4,980	-4,980	-4,200	-4,115	-3,202	-2,700	-2,700
Average Maximum	10,476	8,124	6,620	6,400	6,550	6,524	6,086	6,401	5,024	4,807	4,175
Median Maximum	10,000	8,124	6,500	6,000	6,540	6,180	5,760	5,880	4,980	4,761	3,800

\* Part time